

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last full paragraph on page 6 of the originally filed specification, which continues onto page 7, with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

The blower motor and fan assembly 15, is operatively connected to a plenum chamber assembly 18 has attached to it a plurality of filter elements 16. Engaging the impeller fan 25 is adapted to cause ambient air to be drawn through the filter elements 16 which may include filters or canisters [[()]] containing suitable decontamination elements [[16]] where [[it]] the ambient air is to be cleaned of solid particulate matter, harmful gases and/or odors to produce cleaned air [[19]]. Subject to the class of canisters fitted and the time spent in the contaminated area, the canisters may provide breathable air in a chemically, biologically or nuclear contaminated environment.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 7 of the originally filed specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

The cleaned air, which presumably has sufficient oxygen content, which is adapted to be drawn by the fan 25 into operative relationship with the face mask 10 and thereby provide breathable air to the wearer. The cleaned air [[19]] can be fed directly to the mask 10, as shown in Fig 6, or it can be deployed to the face mask 10 through a second plenum chamber 21 as shown in Figs 3, 4 and 5.

Please replace the third full paragraph on page 7 of the originally filed specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

In other embodiments of this invention, the face mask 10 is connected to a plenum chamber 21 via a hose 14a. The plenum chamber 21 is adapted to be fed from the air bottle 22 through a hose 27 via a regulator 12 and a shut off valve 24. The plenum chamber 21 is also adapted to be fed purified air [[19]] from the filters/decontamination canisters 16 through the fan 25 via hose 29. The plenum chamber 21 can be fed with bottled air or purified air in the alternative.

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 8 of the originally filed specification with the following marked-up replacement paragraph:

The filter/canister plenum chamber 18 supports at least one, and preferably a plurality of filters or canisters 16. The exit 19 from each canister is preferably operatively associated with ~~the openings 24 in~~ the mask plenum 21 so that contaminated air drawn into each filter/decontamination canister 16 by means of the motor driven fan 25 is cleaned and then powered by the fan 25 into the face mask 10 via the hose 14a and the regulator valving system 21.